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FOR: SEPARATION OF UNCONJUGATED AND CONJUGATED
SACCHARIDE BY SOLID PHASE EXTRACTION

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2010 for the above-referenced patent application. An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-15 and 32-34), drawn to a method of analyzing a sample's unconjugated saccharide content, for examination.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. The requirement is being traversed for the reason set forth below.

Applicants request that Groups I and II be recombined as both groups share a common special technical feature and relate to a single general inventive concept. In particular, the Group I and Group II claims both require the step of passing the sample